

Union Government for their development with foreign aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal submitted by the Government of Gujarat is for the improvement of various categories of State roads with about 1500 kms. length. The Government of India has signed an agreement for loan amounting to US \$ 51.50 million towards project preparation for road projects in various States, including the State of Gujarat.

Irregularities in Purchases

3528. PROF. AJIT KUMAR METHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether serious irregularities in the various purchases made by family welfare department were detected;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the loss suffered by the Government as a consequence thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Audit team had carried out the inspection of the files relating to the purchase of items required by the Deptt. of Family Welfare. Certain observations have been made by audit.

(b) and (c) This Department of Family Welfare is in the process of explaining the actions and offering comments on the observations of audit.

[Translation]

Allocation to Malaria Control Programme

3529. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total outlay earmarked for the eradication and control of Malaria during the current plan;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon under this programme during the past three years;

(c) the total budget outlay earmarked for this programme during 1995-96 and the amount spent out of it till December, 1996;

(d) the major heads of expenditure under this plan during the current year;

(e) whether the Malaria is again spreading in the country; and

(f) if so, whether changes are being made in this programme to deal with this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The total outlay earmarked for National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) during the eighth plan is Rs. 445.25 crores.

(b) Amount spent under NMEP during the past three years are as under :-

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Crores) |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 1993-94 | 110.54 |
| 1994-95 | 110.00 |
| 1995-96 | 128.00 |

(c) The approved Budget outlay for 1995-96 was Rs. 128.00 crores. Expenditure upto December, 1996 was Rs. 97.86 crores against the provision of Rs. 145.00 crores in Budget Estimates 1996-97

(d) Major components of expenditure under the Programme during the current year have been procurement of insecticides, larvicides and anti-malarial drugs.

(e) and (f) Malaria incidence in the country has been contained around 2 to 3 million cases annually. However, focal outbreaks of malaria are being reported from some parts of the country. Besides existing Control strategies to effectively control the disease added emphasis is being given to Information, Education and Communication activities so as to enlist community support and participation for making Malaria Control activities a mass movement. 100% Central assistance is being provided to 7 North Eastern States to intensify anti-malaria activities in those States. Further, Government is negotiating an enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance to intensify Control measures in malaria-endemic and tribal/backward areas of the country.

Treatment of Poor Patients in Private Nursing Homes

3530. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is provision for treatment of poor patients in private nursing homes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these provisions are not being observed in practice and fake entries are made only on papers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?